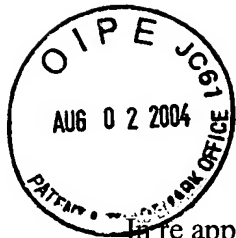


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The present paper sets forth a correction to the claim numbering of the above-identified patent application.

No fees are believed due for the consideration of the present paper. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge such fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP's, Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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